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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Rehagen-Klausdorf

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1. On 1 July 1952, the Schunke Kaserne in Rehagen (N 53/Z 31) was apparently occupied to capacity. Although only a few soldiers were seen, all the windows were opened, and therefore source believed that the unit had left only for a short period of time. About 30 soldiers bathed at the lake. One officer and two soldiers carrying a portable radio set with box transmitter were seen. The group stood about 100 meters north of the lake. A corresponding group was seen about 500 meters south of the barracks installation. The soldiers seen wore black enaulets. No motor vehicle traffic was noticed nor were any motor vehicles in the barracks yard. *

2. The two camps of the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne were occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,200 troops. Fifteen soldiers, apparently recruits, were engaged in loading and aiming practice with a 100-mm AT gun at the upper camp, while eight soldiers practiced with a range finder. A 30-man band was practicing. Groups of eight soldiers each practiced aiming and loading eight 100-mm AT guns in the yard of the lower camp. Subcaliber ammunition was fired from three ZIS-3 76.2-mm guns at moving targets in the middle of the camp. Each gun was operated by three men. There was also firing at the rifle range

Live ammunition was fired from 2 x 100-mm AT guns and 3 ZIS-3 76.2-mm guns at the firing range south of Klausdorf.

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4. On 2 June, an engineer unit with pontoons, bridge building equipment and field kitchen was entrained in Sperenberg. The unit came from the Schunke Kaserne. *

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* [] Comment. The observations by source of paragraph 1 which appear more correct than source's assumptions indicate that only a rear detachment is in the barracks installation on Schönlake See (lake). Source of paragraph 4 subsequently confirmed that the majority of the 35th Lngr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Recz Army moved in several trains to the Wittenberg engineer training area during the period from 2 to 4 June. []

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** [] Comment. The information contained in paragraph 2 of the present report confirms that the elements of the 199th Light Arty Brig, stationed in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne were still at the post on 2 July 1952. []

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